

STATEMENT OF: BUSHELL JONES
Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21")... Over 21
Occupation of Witness Detective Chief Inspector
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On Sunday, 12th January 1969, I was on duty during a march and demonstration organised by the Zimbabwe Solidarity Action Committee and Black People's Alliance, and I had marched with these demonstrators from Speakers' Corner to Downing Street, and then back along Whitehall to Rhodesia House, Strand. I arrived at Rhodesia House at 4.30 p.m. and watched the demonstrators make several attempts to break the police cordon outside Rhodesia House, in order to gain entry to the building. They were unable to break the cordon, which held firm. There were about fifty to sixty determined demonstrators who made these charges. After a half hour of this, at about 5 p.m. I was amongst the leaders who were in the main white men, and I heard them discussing the situation. I heard several say "We will never get in there", meaning Rhodesia House, "the police are too strong for us" and I heard them say amongst themselves "Let's go down to South Africa House there are not so many police there". I cannot say who said these words, but amongst the leaders who organised the switch from Rhodesia House to South Africa House I saw Ken Murray and Roger Sutton, both of whom I know. I instructed Detective Constable Bushell to pass this information to uniformed police. I went with the demonstrators along Strand towards Trafalgar Square. I went into Duncannon Street with a crowd of about eight hundred persons. The time was then about 5.15 p.m. The crowd started to break windows on the ground floor of the Embassy and Windows of the Duncannon Restaurant next door. I saw one man, about twenty-five years old, about six feet tall, heavily built with bushy curly hair and a fat face whom I now know to be Edward Michael Davoren breaking windows with a litter bin. He was leading a gang of about ten men and I heard him say "Let us get inside the Embassy". He led his gang in making many attempts to break down the Embassy side door in Duncannon Street by charging bodily against it, but the bolts held firm. I later saw this man get hold of a litter bin, set light to paper in it, and hurl it at the Embassy windows, and after that I saw him wrap some cloth round a pole, set light to it, and throw it like a spear at the Embassy. About twenty minutes after this I saw Davoren again on the Strand side of the Embassy. He was being arrested and put into a police coach which was parked by J. Lyons cafe on the corner of Strand and Duncannon Street. I saw the same group of demonstrators who had been with him in Duncannon Street make determined attempts to get him free. He was fighting as he was put into the coach and he continued to fight inside the coach. Some of gang broke windows of the police coach and I saw one trying to get the petrol tank on fire with a cigarette lighter. As soon as uniform police could clear a way for it, this coach was driven away to Cannon Row Police Station.

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Continuation of statement of ELWIN JONES

Whilst the fighting was going on in Duncannon Street I saw Murray break three or four panes of glass with a pole. I saw Sutton in Duncannon Street breaking windows. He was wearing a building worker's helmet and he took this off to break windows with it. I saw him break at least four panes of glass. Another of the men whom I saw breaking windows was a young coloured man, about 20 years old, negroid features, coffee coloured complexion, with very long black and curly hair. His hair was untidy, all over his head with no parting. He was wearing a woollen jumper and canvas trousers and he had a banner pole which he was poking through the panes of glass. I had not seen this man before, but I could recognise him again because of his distinctive features. I also saw a man breaking windows of the Duncannon Restaurant with his shoe. He was wearing a long blue overcoat, Carnaby Street Guardsman style, and greyish coloured trousers. I saw him take off his right shoe, a brown shoe with elastic sides, and he smashed the window with it. He then took a bowl of flowers from a shelf inside the window and threw the flowers into the crowd and hurled the bowl at an Embassy window. I did not see him again after that incident.

I was in Duncannon Street when the fighting first started, and the time was thereabout 5.15 p.m. The fighting lasted in Duncannon Street for about fifteen to twenty minutes when the demonstrators switched their attentions to the Grand side of the Embassy. It was when I followed them there that I saw Davoren arrested.

This statement, consisting of 2 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 5th day of March 1968

(Signed) Elwin Jones

Signature witnessed by W. J. L. L. S.

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being unable to read the above statement I

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read it to him before he signed it).

Dated the day of 19

(Signed)